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Dear

This is in response to your letter dated 25 October 2000. Requests such as yours are treated as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. You are asking for information on your deceased father, . If you need to correspond with us about this request, please refer to the reference number, which is its identification.

We will not be able to help you at this time. This is for two reasons. First, we must have precise identifying information (date and place of birth, nationality, and citizenship status) along with evidence of death, such as a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement. The Privacy Act of 1974 requires this. I realize that, under the circumstances described in your letter, this information might be difficult for you to provide. Secondly, CIA generally is unable to provide records on persons who are not U.S. citizens. It is not clear to us whether your father became a U.S. citizen.

If your father was killed within the United States, then one of the law enforcement agencies might be able to provide information. You could apply to the local law enforcement agency responsible for the location of his death. You could also submit a FOIA request to the FBI. (The FBI will require specific identifying information.)

I am returning your photograph. If you are able to provide the additional information described in paragraph 2 above, please write again. We will determine whether we can conduct a search for records at that time. We will hold your request open for 45 days to give you an opportunity to send the information we need.

I wish you success in finding information about your father.

Sincerely,

Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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